

B² 3. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the acetic acid ester of glycerin is selected from the group consisting of glyceryl triacetate, glyceryl diacetate and glyceryl acetate.

Please delete claim 7 without prejudice to the filing of any appropriate continuation application.

B³ 8. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the carrier is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycols, chewing gum and gum base products, floss carriers and floss wax products, oils, waxes and esters.

B⁴ 10. (Amended) The composition of claim 9 wherein the thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of neutralized carboxymethylene, polyacrylic acid polymers and copolymers, hydroxypropylcellulose and other cellulose ethers, salts of poly(methyl vinyl ether-co-maleic anhydride), poly(vinylpyrrolidone), poly(vinylpyrrolidone-co-vinyl acetate), silicon dioxide, fumed silica, and stearic acid esters.

Please add the following new claims:

B⁵ --28. (NEW) The composition of claim 7, wherein the carrier is chewing gum.

29. (NEW) The composition of claim 7 wherein the carrier is dental floss.--